

RYA Day Skipper Theory

A comprehensive introduction to cruising for inexperienced skippers.

This course equips you with enough knowledge to navigate around familiar waters by day. A basic knowledge of lights is also included to introduce you to night cruising.

Course Profile

Duration

Non-residential course held throughout the year in two parts. Part One is three days in duration and Part Two is two days. There may be a gap between the two parts, usually one week but it may be more or less by agreement. The Course can also be held at your club providing a minimum of 6 delegates are available.

Each day starts at 09.00, finish at 18:00. Tea & coffee is provided throughout the day.

Lunch is not provided, please bring a packed lunch. There is a fridge available to keep your food cool.

Number of delegates per course

Maximum 8 delegates per course.

Pre-Course Preparation

None required.

Qualification

Successful candidates will receive the RYA Day Skipper Certificate.

Syllabus

In conjunction with the UK Hydrographic Office the RYA have developed a chart plotter specifically for use on training courses, giving you a realistic insight into electronic navigation. Use of this plotter is an integral part of our Day Skipper shore based course.

We have northern and southern hemisphere versions of our training materials. So, no matter where you are in the world, our course can be tailored to you.

The course is taught over 40 hours with two exam papers. It is covered in two parts. Part One is a three-day session, Part Two is a two-day session. The gap allows for home practice of the skills being taught.

Course topics include:

- the basics of seamanship
- the essentials of coastal navigation and pilotage
- chart work
- electronic charts
- position fixing
- plotting a course to steer
- weather forecasting and meteorology
- tides
- collision regulations
- construction, parts and equipment of a cruising boat
- emergency and safety procedures including distress calls, use of flares, safety harnesses, lifejackets and life rafts

The time spent on each topic will be tailored to the group's knowledge. Topics may be revisited if necessary.